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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication Nos. 11-273028, 2000-311311 and 2002-170205 disclose a thin-film toroidal coil that has upper coil segments, lower coil segments, and connecting members for connecting the upper coil segments to the lower coil segments.

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